

AGENDA	DIALOGUE	ACTION ITEMS
I. Chair Kim Miske Welcomes and Opens Meeting	Meeting called to order at 12:57pm	
a. Roll Call	<p><u>Commission Members Present:</u> James Corson, David Van Son, Karin Olsen Billings (arrived at 2pm), Adam Vauthier, Robert Nystuen, Nancy Matheson, Kim Miske, Stefani Hicswa, Jack Chambers, Jackie Girard</p> <p><u>Commission Members Excused:</u> Scott Smith, Keith Kelly, John Ilgenfritz, Austin Lyle, Doug Braun, James Steele, Jr.</p> <p><u>Guests and Staff Present:</u> OCS- Jan Lombardi, Tony Dean, Rebecca Steele, Julia Gustafson, BSWC- Jan Fontaine, Alicia Vanderheiden, Lee Gault, Bryan Wilson, FWP- Ken Soderberg, Katie McKoewn, MCC- Jennifer Rusnak, Jono McKinney, Tauzha Grantham, NCAT- Holly Hill, CNCS- Amy Busch, MLSA- Alison Paul, RSVP- Pam Makara, UNYC- Pamela Sanderson, VISTA- Jessica Mowry, GFSH- Samantha Hutchins, JMGE- Sarah Sadowski, Connie Roope, SHLC- Patt Leikam, RMC- Jill Washburn, PRC- Abby Zent, BMVP- Brenda Beckett</p>	
b. Approval of <a href="#">6/10/11 Minutes</a>	<p>Jim Corson moves to approve the 6/10/11 meeting minutes. Jack Chambers seconds the motion.</p> <p>The motion carries and the minutes are approved.</p>	6/10/11 Meeting Minutes Approved
c. Announcements	Chair Kim Miske welcomes the three new commissioners to the meeting. Commissioners introduce themselves and state their representation. Kim Miske- Local Government, Nancy Matheson- Dept. of Agriculture, Jim Corson- Public, Robert Nystuen- Business &	

	Industry (Glacier Bank), Adam Vauthier- Private Business and Volunteer Organization, Stefani Hicswa- Education, Jackie Girard- Corporation for National and Community Service, David Van Son- Fire Dept and Local Government, Jack Chambers- Disability Community	
<p>II. Panel on National and Community Service-</p> <p>a. Moderated by Jan Lombardi, Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Community Service</p> <p>b. Panel Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Montana Campus Corps- Jill Washburn, Rocky Mountain College</li> <li>ii. Montana Conservation Corps- Tauzha Grantham, MCC Eastern Wildlands</li> <li>iii. Young Adult Service Corps- TBA</li> <li>iv. Justice for Montanans Project- Patt Leikam, Billings Self-Help Law Center</li> <li>v. Montana Energy Corps- TBA</li> <li>vi. Montana State Parks AmeriCorps- Katie McKeown, Program Coordinator</li> <li>vii. Big Sky Watershed Corps, Bryan Wilson, Program Coordinator</li> <li>viii. Boys and Girls Club- Samantha Hutchinson, Youth Development Specialist</li> <li>ix. AmeriCorps VISTA- Jessica Mowry, VISTA Alumni</li> <li>x. Senior Corps, Pamela Makara,</li> </ul>	<p>Jan Lombardi welcomes the panel on National and Community Service. The purpose of the panel is to inform Commissioners on the depth and breadth of volunteerism in Billings and beyond. All panelist asked to introduce themselves and the program they represent and to tell a story about how a national service member or volunteer inspired, surprised, or created a change.</p> <p><u>Panel:</u></p> <p><b>Barb Stiffarm</b>, Executive Director of Opportunity Link in Havre, connect to NCAT and a host site for Montana Energy Corps members. Question from Commissioner Nancy Matheson- How many Energy Corps members in Montana? Holly Hill answers that there were 15 in 2010 and there will be 8 this year. Commissioner Matheson asks how many members are from Montana? Holly Hill responds that about 70% are from MT.</p> <p><b>Pamela Makara</b>, Program Director for RSVP program in Yellowstone County. RSVP is a sister program to the Foster Grandparent Program and Senior Companions Program.</p> <p>Question from Commissioner Jim Corson- You were recently forced to endure a budget cut in March. How has that impacted your program? Pam answers that it has caused them to say "no" to new community partners and to have their office only open 4 days a week.</p> <p>Jan Lombardi asks how do community partners find out about RSVP? Pam responds that they find out from current programs and through word-of-mouth. RSVP has a good representation in the community.</p> <p><b>Bryon Wilson</b>, newly hired program coordinator for the new Big Sky Watershed Corps program.</p> <p><b>Pam Sanderson</b>, Volunteer Center Director for the United Way of Yellowstone County.</p> <p>Question from Commissioner Robert Nystuen- what did your</p>	

<p>Billings RSVP Director</p> <p>xi. United Way, Pamela Sanderson, Volunteer Center</p> <p>III. Break</p>	<p>community do about flooding? Pam responds that most of the flooding was not in Yellowstone county but they assisted with their volunteer database that they gave Red Cross access to.</p> <p>Commissioner Nancy Matheson asks how many other United Ways serve as a volunteer center? Pam responds that they are the only Hands On Network affiliate in Montana, but Missoula United Way is connected to volunteers through Missoula Aging Services.</p> <p>Commissioner Kim Miske asks Pam to expand on Campus Corps and VISTA involvement. Pam explains that a VISTA member helped with tax assistance and a Campus Corps member acted as a team leader for the youth volunteer corps.</p> <p><b>Jessica Mowry</b>, AmeriCorps VISTA alumni and currently works with corporate MasterLube as a Customer and Employee Care Intern and as the Executive Director of the Council of Visionary Companies.</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson asks where she is from and what prompted her to join VISTA. Jessica responds that she is from Pittsburg and was inspired to join after seeing poverty when studying abroad, being involved with community service and learning from another VISTA.</p> <p><b>Katie McKeowan</b>, newly hired program director for the Montana State Parks AmeriCorps Program, also an AmeriCorps Alumni.</p> <p>Commissioner Nancy Matheson asks what the volunteers with the state parks program will do. Katie explains that members will serve in state parks and recruit volunteers and develop education programs.</p> <p><b>Samantha Hutchinson</b>, youth development specialist with the Boys and Girls Club of the Hi-Line and the Great Futures Start Here Program. Great Futures Start Here is a competitive planning grant looking at developing an AmeriCorps program in the Boys and Girls Clubs across Montana.</p> <p>Jan Lombardi asks Samantha to explain the planning grant. Samantha explains that it is a grant from CNCS to help them develop the tools and policies to apply for an AmeriCorps Program.</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson asks if the commission approved the grant. Jan explains that they applied directly to CNCS but the funding and</p>	
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	<p>technical assistance is processed through the OCS office.</p> <p><b>Sarah Sadowski</b>, program director for the Young Adult Service Corps program with Jobs for Montana's Graduates.</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson states that some people think education awards are paying people to volunteer and asks Sarah what she thinks. Sarah responds that education awards are an end of service benefit and not a wage. Commissioner Stefani Hicswa comments that students have to make a choice between working and education. Volunteering gives them opportunities they would not otherwise have and scholarships are not welfare. Jim Corson comments that there has been a lot of debate over living stipends.</p> <p><b>Patt Leikam</b>, facilitator of the Billings Self Help Law Center- host site for Justice for Montanans AmeriCorps Program.</p> <p><b>Tauzha Grantham</b>, regional coordinator for the Eastern Wildlands office of the Montana Conservation Corps.</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson asks what kind of stipend to MCC members receive. Tauzha explains that crew members get \$503 every two weeks and crew leaders get \$590 every two weeks.</p> <p><b>Jill Washburn</b>, Campus Corps Leader at Rocky Mountain College and Red Cross Volunteer.</p> <p>Commissioner Kim Miske asks all panelist if National Service funding were eliminated how would that effect your program? Pam Makara responds that it will mean the loss of volunteer organization in the community. Pam Sanderson says the community will have to find a place for those volunteers. Samantha Hutchinson states that the Boys and Girls Club relies on RSVP and VISTA volunteers to build capacity.</p>	
IV. Governor's Office of Community Service Updates		
a. Executive Director Report- Jan Lombardi	<p>Jan Lombardi gives updates for OCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two new staff- Devin Cowan working on the Energy Intern Program and Kim Leighton will start Oct. 11 as program assistant.</li> <li>Volunteer in America data is out, MT slipped to 12<sup>th</sup>, but data</li> </ul>	

	<p>shows that young people are engaged. Also good data from our summer survey- demand for volunteers is up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grantee Meeting in DC- MT was featured to speak about successful changes due to an audit and our work promoting an AmeriCorps identity.</li> <li>• Veterans Outreach- staff and partners looking at how we can reach out to veterans through National Service. Developing partnerships with the Dept of Labor, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.</li> <li>• Youth Serve Montana Scholarships- we need ideas for funding next year.</li> <li>• Build Montana launches this week- great resource for citizens to find volunteer opportunities.</li> <li>• Jan attended Philanthropy Northwest Conference- great opportunity to share more about how volunteers make a difference.</li> <li>• ServeMontana Symposium date is set- February 23-24 in Helena. Looking at sponsorships and would like suggestions.</li> </ul>	
b.Fiscal Update- Tony Dean	<p>Tony Dean gives the fiscal update for OCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee approved a bill for fiscal year 2012 providing a \$17M increase for CNCS. The increase is expected to further the National Service Trust (The Trust) and the National Civilian Conservation Corps. This is positive news considering that the same bill eliminated 15 programs or \$260M in funding.</li> <li>• Tony discussed the current financial outlook as listed in the handout, “2011 funding overview” and explained that the office’s primary funding streams come from federal grants. The overall funding for the office is expected to reduce by approximately \$300K next year due to the reduction in Citizen Corps funding and less supplemental funds from CNCS</li> </ul>	

	<p>grants.</p> <p>Commissioner Jim Corson asked if stimulus funding was included on the chart. Tony indicated that the American Recover Grants (ARRA) were closed last year and therefore not included in the chart. The supplemental funds that the office receives are not related to the ARRA grants and are one-time only.</p>	
<p>c. Grants Update- Rebecca Steele</p> <p>i. <a href="#">2012 AmeriCorps Competitive Funding</a></p>	<p>Rebecca Steele gives the grants update for OCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AmeriCorps Programs- 2 competitive, 5 formula- funding details are in the meeting booklet including a draft factsheet on AmeriCorps in Montana and an updated handout on the accommodations assessment</li> <li>• Program directors' training this morning was on hidden disabilities due to responses on the assessment</li> <li>• 2012 funding competition- CNCS focus on 'priority measures'- five tiers of funding priorities- top is education, veterans &amp; military families, and disaster services</li> <li>• Reminder on funding process- commissioners can serve on grant review workgroup</li> <li>• Ready Montana Update- big push on preparedness parties for National Preparedness Month</li> <li>• Gov Energy Intern Program- 10 interns this summer, funding extended for another year- new staff Devin Cowan</li> </ul>	
<p>d. Communications Update- Julia Gustafson</p> <p>i. <a href="#">ServeMontana Awards</a></p>	<p>Julia Gustafson gives the communications update for OCS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two goals of OCS outreach are to (1) engage citizens in service and emergency preparedness and (2) market AmeriCorps and other volunteer opportunities.</li> <li>• We do outreach through traditional media and social media, and through alternative venues likes sports and movie theaters.</li> <li>• Major campaigns include- AmeriCorps in Montana, Fire Ready Montana, National Preparedness Month, and Winter Ready Montana.</li> <li>• Do outreach and build partnerships through events like</li> </ul>	

	<p>Global Youth Service Day, National Days of Service, Conferences, and Recognition Events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See the meeting booklet for examples of materials.</li> <li>• We've putting a lot of focus on "telling your story" and have had good media coverage this year.</li> <li>• Struggles have been bringing people and programs together for high visibility events.</li> <li>• Commissioners can get involved by sharing our newsletter, connecting on Facebook, acting as ambassadors at events, nominating outstanding volunteers, etc.</li> </ul>	
V. 2012 State Service Plan	Chair Miske reminds commissioners that the state service plan is the work plan and vision for the commission and OCS. The Commission will review the plan to be sent to the Governor for approval.	
<p>a. Strategic Plan Update- Jan Lombardi</p> <p>b. <a href="#">2012 State Service Plan DRAFT</a> ACTION ITEM</p>	<p>Jan Lombardi points commissioners to the 2011 State Service Plan Recap of accomplishments in the meeting packet.</p> <p>Jan gives updates to the 2012 plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities streamlined for commission- (1) generate volunteers, (2) prepare citizens to be college and career ready, (3) support the Governor's priorities of clean energy, math &amp; science, and citizen emergency preparedness</li> <li>• Specifically added OPI as strategic partner</li> <li>• Added commissioners in outreach section</li> <li>• Modified objective four to not obligate campus corps to participate</li> <li>• Added citizen corps to goal 2, objective 3</li> <li>• Added energy intern to goal 2, objective 4</li> <li>• Performance measure is the big picture of what gets accomplished</li> </ul> <p>Commissioner Stefani Hicswa points out two typos for correction. Stefani Hicswa moves to approve the draft version of the 2012 State Service Plan. Karin Olsen Billings seconds the motion. The motion carries and the 2012 state service plan is approved.</p>	2012 State Service Plan DRAFT approved to be sent to the Governor.
VI. Commissioner Work Groups	Chair Miske asks for volunteers for the two work groups.	

<p>a. Grant Review Work Group b. Award Work Group</p>	<p>Grant Review Work Group Volunteers: Adam Vauthier, Nancy Matheson, James Steele (via note to Jan) Award Work Group Volunteers: Kim Miske, Stefani Hicswa, Karin Olsen Billings, David Van Son</p>	
<p>VII. Commission Chair and Vice Chair Elections a. <a href="#">Bylaws</a> b. Elections ACTION ITEM</p>	<p>Chair Miske reminds commissioners that elections happen every two years at the fall commission meeting. Jack Chambers moves to nominate Kim Miske as chair and Karin Olsen Billings as vice chair. Robert Nystuen seconds the motion. There are no more nominations. Commissioners vote and the motion carries. Kim Miske is elected Commission Chair and Karin Olsen Billings is elected Vice Chair.</p>	<p>Kim Miske elected as Chair and Karin Olsen Billings elected as Vice Chair.</p>
<p>VIII. Commissioner Reports and Updates a. <i>Commissioners, please share recent volunteer engagements</i></p>	<p>Commissioners Report on their work as ambassadors of service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Miske- connecting with youth about service and college, volunteering with 4-H, met with Campus Corps at Dawson Community College</li> <li>• Karin Olsen Billings- volunteered to help with 'Volunteer of the Game'</li> <li>• Nancy Matheson- serve on steering committee for Grow Montana and volunteer with local politics</li> <li>• Robert Nystuen- require employees at Glacier Bank to participate in community service, active with FVCC and CollegeNow group, involved with Flathead Food Bank Board, serve on the Board of Glacier National Fund, volunteered to build trails</li> <li>• Adam Vauthier- very involved with starting a Boys and Girls Club in Anaconda</li> <li>• Stefani Hicswa- volunteer with local community garden and soup kitchen, Rotary Club President and working on project to deliver dictionaries to all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders</li> <li>• Jackie Girard- involved with her children's project, proud of the 9/11 day projects especially the cup of comfort project and operation honor card project</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Van Son- involved with community service as president of local union including the 'guns and hoses' hockey game, firehouse blend coffee sale, 'care enough to wear pink' campaign, also volunteers with Eagle Mount</li> <li>• Jack Chambers- participated in the AmeriCorps Roundtable and the RSVP recognition of Norman Moeller.</li> <li>• Jan Lombardi gives highlights of John Ilgenfritz' service activities.</li> </ul>	
IX. New Business	Next Commission Meeting is December 9, 2011 using Video Conferencing.	
X.Public Comment	<p>Jono McKinney from the Montana Conservation Corps comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you commission and staff for advocating for supplemental funds</li> <li>• Thank you Commissioner Corson for participating in Youth Crew Graduations</li> <li>• Thank you for your support of Build Montana- it will be a great resource for non-profits in Montana</li> <li>• MCC has been doing a lot of outreach about AmeriCorps and National Service- press release, Facebook, blog, newsletter, etc. We've been educating legislatures about the importance of National Service.</li> <li>• Three main talking points- (1) National Service provides a critical infrastructure to engage and maintain volunteers, (2) National Service programs are incredibly efficient, (3) there is a critical need for National Service programs to engage young people</li> </ul> <p>Alicia Vandergon from Big Sky Watershed Corps thanks the commission for supplemental funds.</p> <p>Eric Cardella from Montana Campus Corps comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for visiting the programs and having a panel on service</li> <li>• Thank you for visiting Dawson Community College- it meant a</li> </ul>	

	<p>lot to the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Engaged Citizens Conference is coming up Oct 28-30 in Billings. A VISTA summer associated helped pull together a steering committee on how we can engage Montana's Indian Populations. This will be a key focus of the conference.</li> <li>• Compact Service Corps in now in Montana- it is a National Education Award program.</li> </ul> <p>Ken Soderberg with Montana State Parks comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for supplemental funding.</li> <li>• Their planning grant was an invaluable and a vert important part in developing their new program.</li> <li>• The supplemental funding will help provide field trips for students and help with the 20,000 students that annual visit state parks.</li> </ul> <p>Holly Hill also thanks the commission for supplemental funds that will help Energy Corps with weatherization this fall.</p>	
XI. Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned at 5:25pm.	

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